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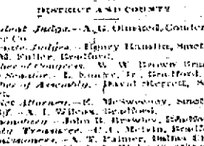

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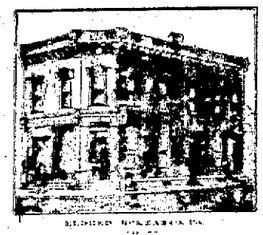

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THE LADY UP STAIRS.

'What a night to get home in,' said Mrs. Pippo, as she took the arm Mr. Pippo offered her as they descended from the cars at the ——— depot. 'It's as dark as pitch. How providential that I took my waterproof! What a dreadful journey it has been!'

'But here you are, safe and sound, you know,' said Mr. Pippo, who was of a cheerful disposition. 'That's right, Hannah Ann; you've got here. How's your ma?'

'Miserable,' said Hannah Ann.

'And sister-in-law?'

'She's miserable, too,' said Mrs. Pippo.

'And her husband and the children?' asked Mr. Pippo.

'Poor brother-in-law, he has got a churchyard cough,' said Mrs. Pippo, 'and the children are getting something spotty. I hope it's the measels; but if it's small-pox, why, I shall have it and you'll take it from me, and that will be the end of us,' and Mrs. Pippo groaned.

'Well, I'll wait until I'm sure,' said Mr. Pippo. 'I don't care about borrowing trouble. I'm well, anyhow, and so are you.'

'Healthy people drop off first,' said despondent Mrs. Pippo. 'Well, how is all at home?'

'I'm sorry to say the cat has eaten the canary bird,' replied Mr. Pippo, in a low tone.

'That canary was the idol of my soul,' said Mrs. Pippo. 'Ah, I had an awful presentiment that something had happened.'

'But I've got good news to counterbalance that,' said Mr. Pippo. 'The gray cat has six kittens; three gray and three black. I left them in the yellow satin chair in the front parlor, when I found 'em, to let you see how cunning they look. And I've let the second floor at twenty-eight dollars a month, and they've moved in and are all go rights. There, do acknowledge that you're pleased at that, Hannah Ann.'

'The idea of their moving in while I was away,' said Hannah Ann. 'You know how it amuses me to see people move in. Now I shall never know what we've got, or anything.'

'Well, you see, I had to do it, Hannah Ann,' said Mr. Pippo. 'The gentleman is a sea captain, and had to sail on Monday, and I had to let them move in Saturday. He wanted to see she was all safe and settled before he went. That was but natural. Everything came now from the stores, and an upholsterer put new carpets down. When I came home to tea they were all to rights. She's alone now. Very pretty woman. Such a winning smile and manner!'

'Oh, she's that sort of a creature, is she?' asked Mrs. Pippo.

'What sort, Hannah Ann?' asked Mr. Pippo.

'The kind with a winning smile,' said Mrs. Pippo. 'Alone! Ah, I've no doubt. Nicely you've been taken in, Mr Pippo.'

'Oh, pshaw! He is a splendid fellow. Regular up and down. No nonsense about him. And he said his wife was an angel. And,' continued the misguided man, adding fuel to the flame, 'she really does look sort of angelic, so soft and tender and girlish. You'll like her, Hannah Ann.'

'Like her, the bold creature!' said Mrs. Pippo. 'Smiling at a married man!'

After Mrs. Pippo had had her tea she went up stairs to ask the time and see her new tenant. She was a pretty young woman, and very civil, indeed, to Mrs. Pippo; but that lady had formed her opinions, and they were not to be changed.

Before next evening Mrs. Caw, Mrs. Daw and Mrs. Maw, her three most intimate neighbors, had heard that Mr. Pippo had let the second floor, in Mrs. Pippo's absence, without reference of any kind, to a person whose husband was away, and that Mrs. Pippo felt dreadfully about it.

After this Mrs. Caw, Mrs. Daw and Mrs. Maw watched the little lady with curious eyes as she passed by their doors, and gave her forbidding glances when they met her in market or at the church.

'Mrs. Montague' they used to say, after they had heard her name. 'Mrs. Montague! Any one might know that nobody ever had such a name as that out of a novel or a play. People are named Smith and Brown, Jones and Robinson in real life. As for the captain, we'd like to see him; that's all.'

And so, without any reason whatever, the neighborhood decided that they had their doubts of Mrs. Montague.

One fine morning Mrs. Pippo, having listened for some time at Mrs. Montague's keyhole the evening before, might have been seen flying from Mrs. Caw's to Mrs. Maw's, and from thence to Mrs. Daw's. She had a story to tell at last.

To think of it,' she said, with many shakes of the head, and many nods and winks, and uplifting of her hands. 'I had my doubts all along, but proof has come at last. There was a man in Mrs. Montague's parlor last night. How he got in I don't know, but she called him dear, and coaxed him to take more sugar; and I heard her ask him if he loved her; and as sure as you live, I heard her kiss him! And after that there wasn't a sound, and I went to bed with the door-key under my pillow; so no one went out that night.'

Frightful to have such goings on in the house,' the ladies all agreed; and terrible that Mr. Pippo would not believe it.

'She has that sort of way with her that blinds the men,' said Mrs. Pippo; 'but out she shall go, as soon as I can prove what I am sure of.'

Mrs. Maw, Mrs. Caw and Mrs. Daw approved of the resolution, and all watched for proof of the evil conduct of Mrs. Montague.

In a week Mrs. Maw had seen a man's shadow on the blinds of the back window of [illegible]

Caw had proof that Mrs. Montague's laundress washed masculine garments every week; and Mrs. Daw had heard that there was once a lady living in ——street who was short, and had light hair and blue eyes, of whom her neighbors had no opinion whatever, and couldn't help thinking it must have been Mrs. Montague. Yet all the while Mr. Pippo 'stuck up' for his tenant, on the score that the captain was a good fellow, had paid three months' rent in advance, and had begged him to see that his wife, who had no friends in the city, was safe during his absence.

It was the first Monday in the month. Mr. Pippo had to attend a business meeting of the society to which he belonged, and Mrs. Caw, Mrs. Daw and Mrs. Maw, deserted by their husbands for the same reason, were spending an hour with Mrs. Pippo. She had made a comfortable cup of tea and got out some cake, when Mrs. Daw, sitting near the register, lifted her finger and began to beton to the other three.

The ladies understood and approached. All were silent; and down the aperture came plainly the voice of Mrs. Montague:

'Oh, Dick! what would I do without you?' she said, tenderly. 'Dick, kiss me.'

'Oh!' ejaculated Mrs. Pippo, in astonishment.

'Ah, Ah!' said Mrs. Maw in a fiendish manner.

'You love me dearly, don't you?' said Mrs. Montague.

'I love you dearly,' said some one else. 'Dearly, dearly, I love you dearly.'

'Is it Satan?' asked Mrs. Daw, in an awful whisper. 'I never heard such a voice.'

'Hush!' said Mrs. Pippo.

'Oh, what a love you are!' said Mrs. Montague.

'What a love you are,' replied the other. Then kisses were heard, then there was silence.

'Now you have heard it, ladies,' said Mrs. Pippo, retreating from the register, but just think, I can't ever get my husband to listen. Now, what shall I do?'

'I'll tell you,' said Mrs. Caw. 'Let's go up stairs and go in without knocking, and find out who he is. Then you can act.'

'Yes,' said Mrs. Daw.

'That's the thing to do,' said the others, and Mrs. Pippo, trembling with excitement, led the way softly up stairs. The door was not even locked. Mrs. Pippo opened it softly. A student's lamp shed a soft light over the pretty room, and near the register sat the lady. On her knee perches a large green parrot, and as she arose it jumped down and walked towards them with its head one side in an alarming manner.

'Very glad to see you, ladies,' she said. 'Take seats. It's very kind of you to come and cheer me up. I am so lonesome now the captain is away. I must make him take me with him next voyage. This is all my family, Dicky, speak to the ladies. Say "How do you do?"'

'How do you do?' Said the parrot, in the fiendish voice of its kind.

'It is very intelligent,' said Mrs. Montague. 'Calls me by name, and declares its love for me. Do you love me, Dicky?'

'What a love you are!' croaked the parrot.

'There, you hear,' said Mrs. Montague, laughing.

'What an intelligent creature!' said Mrs. Pippo.

'Astonishing!' said Mrs. Maw.

'Wonderful!' said Mrs Daw.

'Quite too sweet for anything!' said Mrs. Caw.

'You see we came up to ask if you wouldn't come down and have a cup of tea with us. All of our husbands are away.'

'Yes, we are all widows this evening,' said Mrs. Daw, linking her arm in that of Mrs. Montague's, 'and we were saying how lonesome you must be.'

Then they all went down stairs together, and Mrs. Montague never guessed what it was that these good neighbors really had been saying about her, or what a scandal the parrot had given rise to.—*Mary Kyle Dallas.*

Wouldn't, Give Him a Chance.

Old Simeon had been employed to work in Colonel Hatcher's garden. The Colonel noticed that the old man spent the most of his time at the kitchen window, talking to the colored lady who condescends to the menial office of cook.

While the Colonel was standing at the front gate, Simeon came around and was in the act of passing out, when the Colonel observed the gentleman's coat bulging and his arm raised in a rather suspicious manner.

'Simeon, what's that you've got under your arm?'

'Dis arm, sah?'

'Yes, that arm.'

'Dis 'un?' placing his right hand on his left breast.

'Yes, certainly, you know which one I mean.'

'Oh, yes, sah, yes. Is'e got a most powerful swellin' un'er my poor arm, sah.'

'There was nothing the matter when you came this morning.

'No, sah, dat's a fack, but de swellin' wuz mighty sudden. Don't think my blood's right.'

'No, and I don't think that your flesh is altogether above suspicion.'

'Dean think it is, sah. I'se had dis swellin' seberal times, sah, in the last week.'

'I don't doubt it in the least.'

'Wuz er workin' 'round dar jes' now an' de fust thing I knowed dis arm gunter go up, an' pains gunter shoot down dis laig. It wuz de fust time dat dich a thing hab ebber happened an' it skeered me.'

'Thought you had been affected that way several times in the last week or two?'

'O, yes, but it wuz un'er de udder arm befo'. Kep on er swellin' jes' dat [illegible]

goin' ter see a doctor, fur I doan wanter let it run on.'

'I am a physician. Let me examine you.'

'Hole on now, boss,' stepping back. 'Yerse'f doan un'erstan' dis case. Yer mout be a good doctor wid de chills, but I'se erfeerd ter trus' yer wid a case like dis. Our regular 'zishun is de only man what un'erstan's dis case zactly.'

'Well, Simeon, who is your physician?'

'Doctor Pillings.'

'He's out of town. You'd better let me examine you.'

'Huh!' shifting uneasily.

'Come, now, let me see what's the matter!'

'Boss, my doctor tole me dat I mus'n't let no udder man teeh me, 'case if I did, de swellin' is ap' ter strike in an' kill me. 'Twon't fur dat, I'd put myse'f un'er yer charge in er minit. I'se heerd dat yer's a 'mighty fine 'zishun, an' of yer had tuck dis case at fust yer mout er been a good hand at it by dis time.'

'I have treated many a case like this,' said the Colonel, 'and I don't think that I would be discharging my sworn duty as a physician if I were to allow you to leave my premises without having first attempted to relieve you.'

'Boss, heah is de fack in de case. Dr Pillings owes me money, an' I hab promised ter take it out in doctorin'. Now, of he finds out dat I'se 'ployed some udder man, he'll get mad, 'sides dat, I ain't got de money ter pay yer wid.'

'Why, Simeon, I won't charge you anything.'

'Yer's a powerful 'bligin' gennerman, but I doan' wanter take de 'vantage o' yer. I'se allus made it er rule not ter 'pose on a kind man.'

'I cannot allow you to go without exerting my skill,' taking hold of old Simeon.

'Heah, take de piceer meat!' lifting his coat and exhibiting a ham. 'Yer's de wust pusson I eber seed. Won't gin er man a chance nohow.'—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

A Good Well.

Several days ago a northern gentleman came to Little Rock and announced his intention of buying a home. 'I am not so particular with regard to the house and grounds,' said he, 'as I am about the water. There must be a well of cold water.

'Think I've got the very place,' replied the old fellow whose shirt bosom was streaked with tobacco spit.

'Good well?'

'Finest in the land.'

'Cold water?'

'Coldest you ever saw. I wouldn't sell, but I've got another place which I'm afraid to mention, suppose you come up to-morrow and look at it.'

'All right. Meet me here.'

The next day, the old fellow came down and conducted the northern gentleman to his premises.

'House is not very good,' said the northern gentleman.

'No, nothin' extra.'

'Grounds are not very pleasing.'

'No great shakes. Let's try the water.'

He drew a bucket of water from the well, and when the northern gentleman drank, his teeth chattered.

'Why, that's the coldest water I ever drank,' said he.

'Coldest in the land, I tell you. So cold that it killed all the flowers when I watered 'em with it.'

The northern gentleman was so much pleased that he bought the place without further questioning, seeing that the old fellow was not anxious to sell, and fearing that he might change his mind.

Several days afterwards, the northern gentleman sought the old fellow and said:

'I ought to take a gun and shoot you, you swindling scoundrel.'

'What's the matter?' Looking up in surprise.

'Matter! why the water is so warm I can't drink it. I bought it with the understanding that it was cold.'

'Was cold when you bought it, podner.'

'But it's warm now.'

'Yes, for you see, the ice has melted. No trouble to make the water cold, podner. All you've got to do is to throw in a cart-load of ice. No well is any account unless you take care of it. I'm in the ice business. Would like to have your trade.'—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

Youth and Age.

The time for action is in our youth. It is then that we gather in the grapes. With freckled faces, sunburnt hands and bare feet we wander from vine to vine, from trellis to trellis in every exuberance of childish glee and spirits. In age we quietly sit in the shade, and while the hours away in conversation with our friends while we sip the wine, which is the beverage for the long years which have passed once the vintage. In youth we should sow the seeds which are to bear fruit for the future. We should be taught that PERUNA is the greatest medicine ever discovered, and that it has wrought some wonderful cures. There is a book which can be procured at the drug store, which tells you all about this medicine. It is entitled the "Ills of Life." Ask for it, and read it through, and then buy PERUNA and you will never regret it. Send to Dr. S. B. Hartman & Co., Columbus, Ohio, for a book on the "Ills of Life," gratis.

Home Testimony

for Dennis' Blood Liver and Kidney Cure for scrofula: A son of R. W. Bull, now 17 years of age, living at Colesville, Pa., was always a sickly, suffering boy; the parents having done all they could do, and the doctors pronounced him incurable unless by amputation of one leg and arm on which there were several running sores. But since using 16 bottles of the above medicine, at $1 per bottle, the boy is to all appearances sound, and the remedy is giving universal approval wherever used. Ask your druggist for it or address G. T. Dennis, Prentissvale, Pa.

CATARRH.—For fifteen years I have been greatly annoyed with this disgusting disease, which caused severe pain in my head, continual dropping into my throat and unpleasant breath. My sense of smell was much impaired. By a thorough use for six months of Ely's Cream Balm I have entirely overcome these troubles. J. B. Cass, St. Denis Hotel, Broadway and 11th street, N. Y. Not a liquid snuff or [illegible]

A NOTED DUELIST.

The Methods of Fighting Adopted by a Sicilian Baron.

[Paris Figaro.]

Baron de San Malata, a Sicilian and a noted duelist, has recently come to Paris to find a test of his skill as a combatant. He has fought forty duels, but in none of them has he been the challenger. It is told of him that during a heated political canvass, in the course of a discussion in a public square with a first cousin, the latter called him by some opprobrious epithet. The baron replied:

"You are a coward!"

The cousin answered:

"Will you repeat that in five minutes?"

"Assuredly."

The cousin went home and returned with a revolver in his hand. The baron went up to him and said:

"Guiseppe, see here! That revolver don't suit your hand; the stock never was made for you; for the life of you you could not use the pistol."

As he ceased to speak he spit in his cousin's face. The suddenness and strangeness of this speech and attack so bewildered the cousin that he neither said nor did anything. The baron spit in his face again. Friends interfered. The cousin challenged the baron. The eve of the duel, the baron's aunt, who knew what an expert swordsman he was, begged him to spare her son's life. He replied:

"Guiseppe shall return from the field even without a scratch."

The duel took place. The cousin attacked furiously. The baron only parried. At last he turned his head and looked at his seconds, until his adversary became so weak that he could no longer hold his sword, when the seconds interfered and ended the duel. At another time he was challenged by the best broad-swordsman in Sicily, while he himself was not skillful with his weapon. The broad-sword was selected by the seconds. On the field the baron took his sword in both hands and rushed upon his adversary, using the weapon as if it were a club. His adversary was entranced. They were put in position again. The baron disarmed his adversary. A third time they were put in position; at the first pass the baron's sword broke within eight inches of the hilt; his adversary kept on; the seconds did not interfere. The baron became furious; rushed on his adversary, wounded him; then turned on the seconds and wounded every one of them beginning with his own.

Biggest in the World.

[New York Sun.

"What was the largest codfish you ever caught?" asked the listener.

"Hundred and four pounds," was the reply, "and it was over five foot long. But Capt. George Martin, of Gloucester, caught the biggest that I ever heard on. It weighed dressed 111 pounds. I've caught a lobster that weighed twenty pounds, and a horse mackerel weighing 600 pounds. I once tackled onto the biggest fish in the world," continued the skipper.

"A whale?" asked the other.

"A whale ain't a fish," retorted the man of the sea. "This one I reckon, was a devil fish—one of the ore broadtides follows thirty foot across, all beam, and drawin' about six inches. We was lyin' in harbor, when I see a big ripple movin' aroound, and thinkin' it a fair horse mackeral I jumped into the boat and gits the lads to pull near it, and when alongside I passes the iron into it, and, Lord bless ye, I thought the hull reef was a-risin'. A fish a riz that looked like the vessel herself, and in a minute we was a-rushin' drown the channel in a way that was caution to sinners. The channel went round an island, and as we came round the second time the fish went right for the brig. I see we was a-goin' to hit and sings out, 'Cut the rope!' but the man didn't have any knife. 'Cast it off.' It's spliced to the painter,' says he, 'and under water.' That minute we struck. The fish dove under the brig and we not bein' able to dive, kind o' telescoped. The dingey just smashed all to pieces. We fell into the water, and was hauled aboard by the hands, and the pieces kept comin' up all day.

"The fish? Wall, I reckon he's a-goin' yet. Some of 'em are thirty foot across, and have kind o' horns at the head, and often git foul o' anchor and chains, and hauls vessels along just as if they was boats."

The Texas Nester.

[Globe Democrat.]

The nester in Texas is the cattle king's neighbor, but between them there is a wide gap in rank. A man may own a section of land and have fifty or 100, or 200 head of cattle, but he is only a nester. His 600 acres may be worth $3, $5, $10 an acre, and with his stock, his possessions may foot up from $15,000 to $20,000, but he nevertheless is a nester. His land is "a farm" and his stock "a bunch." When he counts his pasture, owned or leased, by the section instead of by the acre, then he has got "a range," and when his stock is turned on by the thousand instead of by the hundred head he has "a herd." Then he is a genuine cowman. He joins a live stock association. He has his brand known and recognized from the Rio Grande to the top tier of Pan Handle counties. When he goes to the cities the papers refer to him as Mr. So-and-so, the cattle king.

Fishing for Probabilities.

The Indianapolis Times thought it would be a stroke of enterprise to place ballot boxes at all the city precincts on the day of the charter election, in order to get an expression of the people on the presidency. The total vote reached 100,000, of which John L. Sullivan had a majority. Mary Walker received over 1,000 votes, and Blaine and McDonald were both beaten by Frank James. The presidential question is now worse mixed than ever.

Love Me, Love My Dog.

[Texas Siftings.]

A gallant policeman offered to escort a young lady across Broadway, but he became somewhat embarrassed when she lifted up her pet dog, and said:

"O! thank you, if you will carry dear little Fido across. I can go over alone!"

His Taste in Crockery.

[San Francisco Chronicle.]

When a certain San Francisco lady, who has made a wide eastern reputation as a writer, visited Japan some years ago, she was entertained by one of the leading Americans of Tokio. Everything in the house was artistic, and the rarest curios, the most elaborate porcelain ware, the finest Japanese art productions, covered the tables and filled the rooms. The San Francisco visitor was much interested in all this, and was particularly admiring the dinner service, which was of a very unique pattern. After dinner the host took her aside:

"Don't tell my wife, but I'd give $4 to eat off a white plate."

QUINSY troubled me for twenty years. Since I started using Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, have not had an attack. The Oil cures sore throat at once. Mrs. Lotta Conrad, Standish, Mich., Oct. 24, '83.

DRAIN your land, use fertilizers, cultivate thoroughly, and farming will pay.

NEVER neglect a constipated condition of the bowels, or serious results surely follow; sweet as pipes, liquorice bits and many [illegible]

INSIDE A BASE BALL.

The Popular Toy Made to Bounce and Not to Bounce.

[New York Sun.]

In all the toy, game, and sporting goods stores the new supply of balls for the game of base ball has been laid in, and the balls, lying in pasteboard compartments and rolled up in tinfoil, or having their coverings colored red or blue, are as pretty as so many Easter eggs. The first-class regulation ball for this year is not different from that in use last year. It costs $1.50, and sells at wholesale at the rate of $15 a dozen. It weighs about five ounces, and when thrown on a board floor sounds like a young paving stone. It is just about as solid and as heavy as a turnip of the same size, and though it is perfectly round and smooth, and the stitches are almost even with the leather, it stings the uncalloused hand of its catcher as if it were red hot or covered with prickers.

Base balls are dear because they are made by hand, and they are made by hand because they must be wound very tightly, carefully, and evenly. The basis of each one is a little lump of Para rubber, round and weighing an ounce. Wound around this in every direction is worsted yarn. In some balls, after a thick layer of yarn is wound on, the ball is dipped in rubber, then more yarn is wound on; then it is dipped again, and finally yet more is wound on and then the cover is fitted over it. One ball affected by many professionals has a thin skin of concrete midway between the cover and the rubber. Girls make all the balls. The process is something like that of making certain mixed drinks, wherein the bartender puts in lemon to make them sour and sugar to make them sweet. Players want what is called a dead ball, that is, one that won't bounce much. A stone will bounce more than a base ball ought to. So the rubber is put in to make it bounce just a little, and the yarn is wound tight and concrete is added to stop it bouncing at all. Then the happy medium is reached. Sometimes moulded vulcanized rubber is used.

The best balls are covered with horsehide because it is strong and tough. Many of these are sewed with catgut, but in damp weather the catgut loosens, and therefore at such times those balls are used which are stitched with flax.

Professionals have agreed upon the best form of ball and have ruled that it shall accord with these specifications: "The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois. It must measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. It must be composed of woolen yarn, and shall not contain more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mould form, and shall be covered with leather."

Cancer and Skin Diseases.

[To the Spencer Mon. Co.]

In regard to the relative frequency of these diseases in this city and country it may be stated the number of persons afflicted is very large, and appears to be increasing; at least 15,000 now cases of skin disease occur in this city yearly among the poor, while there is no proper hospital for their care. In the matter of cancer the needs of the city are still more painfully evident. The [illegible] to on the increase in Great Britain, and the mortality from it has increased in New York of late years, according to the returns of the board of health, as may be seen from the following figures:

"In 1868 there were 301 deaths from cancer, being a little over one per hundred of deaths from all causes. In 18.9 there were 572 deaths from cancer in this city, or a little over two per

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FOR PRESIDENT
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FOR VICE PRESIDENT
JOHN A. LOGAN, of Illinois.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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BLAINE AND LOGAN.

The great mass of the republican party have finally been successful in securing as a candidate for president the man of their choice. For the past two years it has been the great desire of the majority of the party and the American people that the nomination for the highest office within the gift of the people be given the greatest man in the party and the foremost statesman in the nation, James G. Blaine.

In 1876 and in 1880 this popular will was defeated by the machinations of the politicians. Each time has friends though bitterly disappointed, accepted the verdict of the conventions and helped to elect the nominee. But at no time did they cease in their steadfast purpose to yet make Blaine the candidate of the party. His popularity and power in the hearts of the people grew stronger with each defeat of their desires and the demand for his nomination was at last so overwhelming that the combinations and schemes in favor of lesser men were utterly futile. Since the days of Lincoln no nominations made by the republican party will have it with heartier response or wider enthusiasm than the one given on the world on last Friday. The large of necessity and the demands of public gratitude gave the crown of authority twice to the great hero of the war. Hayes was the president of expediency and Garfield the candidate of compromise. But Blaine is the hero of popular enthusiasm the representative of the people's feelings and the voice of their desires. Blaine's popularity is not unequivocal however phenomenal it may appear. He has been well compared with Henry Clay in boldness of conception and positive character and like him will be more admired than loved. Positive in his convictions and outspoken in his opinions he has aroused the bitterest opposition as well as the warmest friendship. Possessing the elements of a great leader which he is, he has naturally aroused the jealousy of the small politicians who like Cyrus, he knew by name. His pluck, aggressiveness, wish to succeed all joined to an intense love of personal greatness, dignity and life have made him loved by the people and the idol of the masses. As secretary of state he overshadowed his chief and as the ruler of congress the country looked to him as leader. Now he is nominated as the famous of his fame and powers and the choice of the most friends follow him even more fondly than in 1876.

The placing of Gen. John A. Logan on the second place on the ticket was an inspired stroke of wisdom. As one of the greatest and most successful soldiers and as one of the foremost and most aggressive of republican leaders he is worthy of the highest honors in the party. His name will be a tower of strength on the ticket. With two such men as James G. Blaine and John A. Logan for our standard bearers, the battle will be sharp and aggressive and victory will certainly be ours.

AFTER THE CONTEST.

The friendly contest is over. The express mandates of republicanism have declared that the "Plumed Knight," of Maine, and the "Black Eagle" of Illinois, shall lead the republican legions in the coming campaign. Blaine and Logan! the ones a statesman and soldier of unimpeachable patriotism, the other the statesman and soldier in the convention which nominated these distinguished gentlemen were many who preferred other candidates. There were those who were earnest and loyal in their support of President Arthur, because of his honest and upright administration. Others again preferred Senator Sherman, because they had seen his qualities tested, and knew him to be a tried, true, and conservative statesman. Some preferred Edmunds, the clean cut man of Vermont, whose noiseless character and great abilities make him something more than the peer of the ablest in the land. Some favored Hawley, the gallant soldier and learned republican senator, having faith to believe that he could lead the party to victory. So far as personal preferences were concerned the convention was composed of the partisans of distinguished candidates, each of whom aspired to the foremost place, but all professed to be republicans. It was their business, we many say their duty, to do all things necessary to advance the interests of their respective candidates, but now that the question of a ticket has been settled, it is their duty to unite earnestly in its support. It is for the delegates to transform their partisan zeal for men into allegiance to the party. It is a spirit that does honor to his head and heart President Arthur pledged his warm support to the ticket nominated at Chicago, and all manly Sherman and Hawley, will be found in the battle van, shouting "Blaine-hammer blows for Blaine. Logan, and victory. If the disappointed but unsuccessful candidates of Chicago can thus pledge themselves, there is no reason why their friends and followers should not do the contrary. Here and there a sorehead will doubtless be found, but such can no more stop the march of events than they can dam up Niagara with a bulrush. The Hayes trust in 1872 Sickels and his fellow machinists foiled hands with the democratic enemy, but the republican eagles were just as successful in a civil contest as they were upon the battle fields of the south. The matchless and undaunted legions of republicanism won a brilliant victory under Grant and Wilson, just as they are destined to do under Blaine and Logan. There are those who expect to profit by any dissension in the party they will be sadly mistaken. A few may fall away from the faith through a sense of distasteful duty, but the factions which were so distinct on the Billows at Chicago will be found none as the seal in the contest yet to come.

POLITICAL TATTOOING.

Yes, Mr Blaine is tattooed so was General Garfield. So was Abraham Lincoln. So has been almost every man of note the American people have learned to admire, to trust and to love. As soon as any man gains public confidence, malignant and envious creatures are found to revile him. George Washington was called a traitor by the country, after he had secured its independence. Thomas Jefferson was not only an infidel, but a tool of France. General Jackson was reviled and hated as no man has been in this generation. Abraham Lincoln, let us not forget, was a gorilla. General Garfield was hunted to his grave with slander. Yet was indiscriminately assailed as was this very state who alleged that his lewd and noble wife was seeking to divorce when he was assassinated. He was the tattooed man of 1880, and the very people who exploited the foulest slanders upon him while he was living, helped to swell the chorus of honor and of sorrow when he was suddenly taken from us. The best and strongest men of the country have always been tattooed in the same fashion.

But history shows clearly what the people have thought of the tattooing process in the past. The very men who have been most shamefully villified are those whom the nation has delighted to honor. What the people thank of the tattooing business now is best shown by the information of James G. Blaine in spite of party rage, in spite of detractions in spite of scandals carculated constantly for eight years, and in spite of his own refusal to make any effort to secure a nomination. With an unanimity hardly ever shown in any other instance, the Republicans of the states from which Republican majorities must come have preferred Mr Blaine as their standard bearer. Those who have been rationing him may learn that the millions reject that slam does and deep we their shoe.

Are we to believe that, after listening to charges against Mr Blaine for eight years, the American people have deliberately gone wrong? Are we to suppose that the people prefer an unworthy man, or are not competent to weigh evidence against him? He who has that idea shows that he does not believe in self government and is not fit for a share in it himself. Let the campaign pictures be sent broadcast all over the land, by all means. Bust of James G. Blaine, James A Garfield and Abraham Lincoln be placed side by side, as the three most tattooed men of later American history. They know each other well, trusted and loved each other and were loved and trusted by the American people. That they were all tattooed is only proof that the men whom the nation trusts are sure to find scriptures to slander them.—New York *Tribune*.

The Pennsylvania delegation to Chicago were true to their instructions and the sentiment of the people. They cast forty seven votes for Blaine on the first ballot and afterward increased it to fifty one. Notwithstanding all the talk, McManes did not go back on his pledge.

Mr. Blaine is a member of the Congregational church and General Logan is a Methodist.

It is reported that Fitz John Porter has expressed his disapproval of the republican vice presidential ticket.

JAMES GILLESPIE BLAINE.

Brief Sketch of His Life and Public Services—His Career as a Politician and Statesman.

James Gillespie Blaine, the republican nominee for president, was born January 31, 1830, at the Indian Hill Farm, in Washington county, Pa. His father was one of the heaviest landed proprietors in the state, and the boy spent several years in early youth at school in Lancaster, Ohio, living in the family of the Hon. Thomas Ewing, who was at that time secretary of the treasury, and whose descendants have since been prominent in Ohio politics. He entered Washington College and graduated at the age of 17, and for a time taught school in his native state. He was an occasional contributor to the magazines and a writer of fugitive pieces for the newspapers during his leisure hours. Finally, having concluded to choose the editorial route to fame, he accepted, in 1852, a call from Maine and assumed charge of the Kennebec *Journal* which in conjunction with the Portland *Advertiser*, he edited for some time. He was elected to the Maine legislature in 1858, and served four years. At the beginning of his last term of two years, he was chosen speaker and performed the duties of that office to the satisfaction of the lawmakers of the Pine Tree state. It was during the war of the rebellion in 1862 that he was sent to the thirty-eighth congress, serving on the committee on postoffices and post roads. He at once devoted himself to a careful study of the rules of the house, and it was not long before he began to be regarded as one of the best parliamentarians in that body. He was re-elected to the thirty-ninth congress and repeatedly thereafter from the same district and in 1869 was made speaker of the house. His rulings were always prompt and accurate and it was not often that his bitterest enemies could pick a flaw in his decisions.

His position and skill as a parliamentarian brought him conspicuously before the public, and even when temporarily replaced by the advent of a democratic house and the election of a democratic speaker he led the forlorn hope of his party with great brilliancy on the floor, his great speech on the force bill being instrumental in advancing him to the senate, while strange to say, his personal antagonist in the debate, the late Benjamin H. Hill, of Georgia, was also translated to the same body for the brilliant defense of his state in the debate.

There can be no question that at the time when the republican convention was held in 1876, Mr. Blaine was the most popular leader in the party. But the Grant administration was against him, and he forces defeated him. He received 351 votes on the final vote as against 378 for the Hayes' nomination as engineered by Roscoe Conkling, who had sworn to defeat Blaine at all hazards. Never forgotten the "Plumed Knight" for his severely vindictive reference to him on the floor of the house, in which Blaine compared him with Henry Winter Davis "as a diamond to a dewdrill."

Blaine after his defeat, entered the campaign with the best of feeling toward the republican candidate and worked night and day for his election. It is said however, that after the election and after the southern policy of the administration had been consummated, he never went to the white house, feeling that President Hayes had not done his duty by the party which had elected him. As a senator he voted against the electoral commission bill on the ground that it was unconstitutional. In 1880 he was once more a candidate for the presidential nomination and succeeded in no unimportant degree in defeating the influence which he had, as to defeat the third term scheme. He did as much as any other one man to elect President Garfield, and in his appointment as secretary of state, was a perfectly natural one. The history of his connection with the president during his brief administration and after the fatal bullet of Guiteau had done its work so too fresh in the public mind to need republican here. James G. Blaine, although in private life, is regarded as exerting greater influence today than any other leader in the republican party.

JOHN A LOGAN.

The Soldier and the Statesman—A Sketch of His Eventful Career.

General John Alexander Logan is equally distinguished as a soldier and statesman. His father, Dr. John Logan, emigrated from Ireland in 1813, and settled as a country practitioner near Murphysboro, Ill. He prospered in what was then a wild country, and in 1824 married Elizabeth Jenkins, a native of Tennessee, who, two years later, on the night of February 9 1826, became the mother of the present republican candidate for vice-president.

The child was taught to read and write by his father and mother. There were no schools in those days. At 10 he enlisted as a private in the Mexican war and he was chosen lieutenant in the First Illinois regiment. He served with distinction throughout the war, and at its close, in the fall of 1848, he returned to his home to begin the study of the law under the guidance of his uncle, Alexander M Jenkins, formerly lieutenant governor of the state. After serving as clerk of the county court, he received his diploma and took up his position at the bar in 1851. He also immediately entered into politics and the same fall was nominated and elected to the state legislature. From that time until the outbreak of the war he figured prominently, not only in the state but also in the national councils of the democratic party, and served two terms in congress as its representative. Immediately on the outbreak of the war, however, he was among the first to enlist in the defense of the union. He was on the first battle of Bull Run, and among the last to leave the field. Returning to his home September 1, he assisted in raising troops, and September 15 the 31st regiment of Illinois infantry was organized with Logan commissioned as colonel. The first engagement in which he and his command participated was the battle of Belmont, in November of the same year, when his ability as a commander, and his dash and intrepidity foreshadowed the fact that he was to play a conspicuous part in the operations of the army. He participated in the movements at Fort Henry, and was present at the siege of Fort Donelson, where he received a wound, and did not rejoin his severe command until some weeks afterwards, commanding until the last day of the battle on the evening of the first day of the battle of Shiloh. On March 2 1862, he was made brigadier general and participated in the siege of Corinth as commander of the Fourth brigade in General Judah's division of the right wing of the army and for his valiant services was publicly thanked by General Sherman in his official report.

In the movements about Vicksburg from February 1863, until July 4, when General Pemberton surrendered, General Logan, with his command, was actively engaged, and he was ordered to take the lead in the march into Yorksburg. July 4, after which he was given the command of the 3rd post, which he retained until placed in command of the Fifteenth Corps November 14, 1863.

On July 22, 1864, Logan, as command er of the Fifteenth Army Corps, was ordered in pursuit of the enemy south of Atlanta. In the hard fought battle that followed, General McPherson was killed and General Logan succeeded him in command of the Army of the Tennessee. The success of the battle was accorded to Logan by General Sherman's official report. The battle of July 28, which followed, was another hotly contested fight, in which Logan's command was equally as conspicuous and successful. After the close of the war General Logan was offered the position of minister to Mexico, but declined. In 1866 he was elected to congress from the state at large in Illinois by a majority of 55,937, and in the fortieth of congress was one of the managers of the impeachment of President Johnson. In the next, the forty-first congress, Logan began to make his mark, and in 1870 was elected by the Illinois legislature to the United States senate. After serving his term he was defeated by the independents, who united upon the Hon. David Davis as his successor, but he was again elected to succeed Oglesby in 1879. He has always taken an active part in the legislation of the senate, and has introduced many useful bills.

The Ballots.

Below we give the summaries of the ballots for the presidential nomination at Chicago:

	1st ball.	2d ball.	3d ball.	4th ball.
Blaine	278	284	334	541
Arthur	278	278	278	278
Edmunds	93	93	93	93
Logan	63	63	63	44
John Sherman	30	30	30	11
Hawley	27	27	27	27
Lincoln	4	4	4	4
Gen. Sherman	3	3	3	3

A Temperance Dictionary.

The Louisville *Courier Journal* thus defines the liquor traffic:

"It is a business which is opposed to by every clergyman in the country.

It is a business which every merchant hates and detests.

It is a business which is the standing dread of every mother.

It is a business which makes 90 per cent. of the pauperism for which the taxpayer has to pay.

It is a business which makes 90 per cent. of the business of the criminal courts.

It is a business which keeps employed an army of policemen in the cities.

It is a business which puts out the fire on the hearth, and condemns wives and children to hunger, cold and rags.

It is a business which fosters vice for profit, and advocates it in wickedness for gain.

Drunkenness comprises all other vices. It is the dictionary of vice, for it includes every vice.

Drunkenness means poverties, theft, robbery, arson, forgery, murder, for it leads to all these crimes."

The Republican Platform.

The republicans of the United States in national convention assembled, renew their allegiance to the principles upon which they have triumphed in six successive presidential elections, and congratulate the American people on the attainment of so many results in legislation and administration by which the republican party has after saving the union, done so much to realize its institutions just, equal and beneficent, the safeguard of liberty and the embodiment of the best thought and the highest purpose of our citizens.

The republican party has gained its strength and faithful response to the demands of the people for the freedom and equality of all men, for the rights of citizens, for elevation of labor, for honest currency, for purity in legislation and for integrity and accountability in all departments of government, and it accepts anew the duty of leading in the work of progress and reform.

We lament the death of President Garfield whose sound statesmanship long commanded the confidence of congress, whose promise of a strong and successful administration a promise fully realized during the short period of his office as president of the United States. His distinguished success in war and peace have endeared him to the hearts of the American people.

In the administration of President Arthur we recognize a wise, conservative and patriotic policy, under which the country has been blessed with remarkable prosperity and we believe his eminent services are entitled to and will receive the hearty approval of every citizen.

It is the first duty of a good government to protect and promote the interests of its own people. The largest diversity of industry is most productive of general prosperity and of the comfort and independence of the people. We therefore demand that the imposition of duties on foreign imports shall be made not for revenue only, but that in raising the requisite revenues for the government such duties shall be so levied as to afford security to our diversified industries and protection to the rights and wages of the laborer to the end that active and intelligent labor, as well as capital, may have its just reward and the laboring man his full share in the national prosperity. Against the false and fraudulent economical system of the democratic party, which would degrade our labor to a foreign standard we enter our earnest protest. The democratic party has failed completely to relieve the people of the burden of unnecessary taxation by a wise reduction of the surplus revenue, and the republican party pledges itself to such reduction of the tariff and to correct the inequalities of the tariff and to relieve the surplus not by a vicious and indiscriminate process of horizontal reduction but by such methods as will relieve the tax payer with justice to the laborer or the great productive interests of the country.

We recognize the importance of sheep husbandry in the United States the serious depression which is now experiencing and the danger threatening its future prosperity, and we therefore respect the demands of the representatives of this important agricultural interest for a removal of the duty upon foreign wool, in order that such industry shall have full and adequate protection.

We have always recommended the best money known to the civilized world and we urge that efforts be made to unite all commercial nations in the establishment of an international standard which shall fix for all the relative value of gold and silver coinage.

The regulation of commerce with foreign nations and between the states is one of the most important prerogatives of the general government, and the republican party distinctly announces its purpose to support such legislation as will fully and efficiently carry out this constitutional power of congress over inter-state commerce.

The principle of public regulation of railway corporations is a wise and salutary one for the protection of all classes of people and we favor legislation that shall prevent unjust discrimination and excessive charges for transportation and that shall secure to the people and to the railways alike the fair and equal protection of the laws.

We favor the establishment of a national bureau of labor, the enforcement of the eight hour law, a wise and judicious system of general education by adequate appropriations from the national revenue wherever the same is needed.

We believe that everywhere protection to the citizens of American birth must be secured, and to citizens by American adoption, and we favor a settlement of national differences by international arbitration.

The republican party, having its birth in the hatred of slave labor, and in the desire that all men may be free and equal is resolutely opposed to placing our workingmen in competition with any form of servile labor, whether at home or abroad. In this spirit we denounce the importation of contract labor, whether from Europe or Asia as an offense against the spirit of American institutions and we pledge ourselves to sustain the present law restricting Chinese immigration and to oppose such further legislation as is necessary to carry out its purposes.

The reform of the civil service auspiciously begun under a republican administration should be completed by a further extension of the reform system already established by law to all grades of service to which it is applicable. The spirit and purpose of the reform should be observed in all executive appointments and all laws at variance with the objects of existing reform legislation should be repealed to the end that the dangers to free institutions which lurk in the power of official patronage may be wisely and effectively avoided.

The public lands are the heritage of the people of the United States and should be reserved as far as possible for small holdings by actual settlers. We are opposed to the acquisition of lands by corporations or individuals especially where such holdings are in the hands of non-resident aliens, and we will endeavor to obtain such legislation as will tend to correct this evil.

We demand that congress the speedy forfeiture of all land grants which have lapsed by reason of non-compliance with the acts of incorporation in all cases where there has been no attempt in good faith to perform the conditions of such grants.

The grateful thanks of the American people are due to the union soldiers and sailors of the late war and the republican party stands pledged to suitable pensions for all who were disabled and for the widows and orphans of those who died in the war. The republican party also pledges itself to a revival of the limitation contained in the arrears act of 1879, so that all invalid soldiers shall share alike, and their pensions shall begin with the date of disability or discharge, and not with the date of application.

The republican party favors a policy which shall keep us from entangling alliances with foreign nations and which shall prevent us from an undue participation in the affairs of other powers, while we firmly believe in the wisdom of the policy which seeks peace and can trade with all powers, but especially with those of the western hemisphere.

We demand a restoration of our navy to its old time strength and efficiency that it may in any sea protect the rights of American citizens and interests of American commerce, and we call upon congress to remove the burdens under which American shipping has been depressed so that it may again be true that we have a commerce which leaves no sea unexplored and which takes no law from superior force.

Resolved, That the appointments by the president to offices in the territories should be made from bona fide citizens and residents of the territories wherein they are to serve.

Resolved, That it is the duty of congress to enact such laws as will promptly and effectually suppress the system of polygamy within our territories and disorder the political from the ecclesiastical power of the so-called Mormon church, and that the law so enacted should be rigidly enforced by the civil authorities, if possible, and by the military, if necessary.

The people of the United States, in their organized capacity, constitute a nation and not a confederacy of states. The national government is supreme within the sphere of its national duty, but the states have reserved rights which should be faithfully maintained. Each should be guarded with jealous care so that the harmony of our system of government may be preserved and the Union kept inviolate.

To the perpetuity of our institutions rests upon the maintenance of a free ballot, an honest count and correct returns. We denounce the fraud and violence practiced by the democratic party in the southern states, by which the will of the voter is defeated, as dangerous to the preservation of free institutions, and we solemnly arraign the democratic party as being the guilty recipients of the fruits of such fraud and violence.

We extend to the republicans of the south, regardless of their former party affiliations, our cordial sympathy, and pledge them our most earnest efforts to promote the passage of such legislation as will secure every citizen of whatever race and color, full and complete recognition in the possession and exercise of all civil and political rights.

The Democratic Status.

The nomination of Blaine and Logan takes several states out of the "doubtful" list. In nearly all of the states which have been printed seven states have been set down as doubtful, namely: California, Connecticut, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Ohio and Virginia. It will be generally conceded, we think, that California will cast her electoral vote for the republican ticket, no matter how popular the opposing candidate may be, Since 1856 California has been steadfastly republican, the only exception being in 1880, when Hancock, through the aid of the Morse letter forgery, carried the state. It may be accepted as certain that Blaine will sweep this state by a larger majority than has ever been cast since 1860.

Connecticut is naturally a republican state. Since 1840 it has supported the whig and republican nominees with but two exceptions. It voted for Pierce in 1852 and for Tilden in 1876, and the reason for preferring Blaine to a democrat are stronger now than when Garfield was preferred to Hancock.

Next in order comes Ohio. To the majority of republicans it amounts to a settled conviction that Blaine cannot possibly be defeated in that state. In half a century Ohio has given her electoral vote to but two democratic candidates, Cass, in 1848, and Pierce, in 1852. The state which gave Garfield 27,771 majority will not repudiate his secretary of state, defender and eulogist. Taking these things for granted, then, the list of really doubtful stated will stand thus. Indiana, 15 New Jersey, 9, New York, 35, Virginia, 13—total, 72

There are 401 electoral votes, and 201 will be necessary to elect. The republicans will have as certain. Colorado, 3; California, 8, Connecticut, 6; Illinois, 22; Iowa, 13, Kansas, 9; Maine, 6; Massachusetts, 14, Michigan, 13; Minnesota, 7, Nevada, 3, Nebraska, 5; New Hampshire, 4, Ohio, 23; Oregon, 3; Pennsylvania, 30; Rhode Island, 4, Vermont, 4; Wisconsin 11=total, 188.

The democrats count on as certain for them Alabama, 10, Arkansas, 7; Delaware, 3; Florida, 4; Georgia, 13; Kentucky, 13, Louisiana, 8; Maryland, 8; Mississippi, 9, Missouri, 16; North Carolina, 11; South Carolina, 9; Tennessee, 12, Texas, 13; West Virginia, 6—total, 142.

On the above showing the democrats would need 59 and the republicans only 13 more votes to secure a majority. If to the states classed as certain to go republican we add Indiana, there would be two votes more than enough. Virginia alone would fall one short, provided New York, Indiana and New Jersey went democratic. If Indiana and New York should be lost and New Jersey and Virginia carried, the republicans would have a majority of 7. By adding New York alone to the republican side, we could then spare Virginia and New Jersey.

The democrats, in order to win, must carry New York, Indiana and Virginia, which would give them a majority of 3. Or New York, Indiana and New Jersey would make a bare majority. There is a possibility, however, that West Virginia and Florida may both cast their electoral votes for Blaine, and these would offset the loss of New Jersey, or either Connecticut or California.

New York, Indiana, Virginia and New Jersey will be the pivotal states, but there will be royal battles in Ohio, Connecticut, California and West Virginia, while a vigorous fight will be made in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, and other southern states. On the whole, the chances are so decidedly in favor of the republican nominees, Blaine and Logan, that victory seems almost assured.—Pittsburg *Commercial Gazette*.

A Word to the Girls.

A teaspoonful of sulphur taken every other morning for a week, then omitted three mornings and taken again will clear the complexion in a couple of months, but will probably make the black specks more numerous for a week or two. A mixture of powdered brimstone or sulphur in diluted glycerine, rubbed on at night, in connection with the other treatment, will soon cause them to disappear. Wash off carefully, in the morning, with soap and water in which there is a little ammonia. After night with spirits of camphor reduced with half as much glycerine and a few drops of ammonia. In the morning bathe the face with a little ammonia in it, and after wiping it carefully sponge it over with camphor and water, and in a short time the fairness of your skin will delight yourself and surprise all your friends.

Chairman Cooper Pays for the Supper.

A wager was made in May last between Hon Thomas V. Cooper and John W. Frazer, of the United States treasury department, of a champagne dinner for nine, as to which of them could more nearly approximate the strength which Blaine would show on the first ballot at Chicago. Mr. Cooper named 415 votes and Mr. Frazer 254. Colonel McClure was designated as umpire Mr Frazer was warmly congratulated yesterday upon winning the wager. He has invited as his three guests Hon John M. Pomery, editor of the Franklin *Repository*, Chris Magee, of Pittsburg, and William Elkins. Mr Cooper has invited Hon. Galusha A Grow, Charles Emory Smith, editor of the *Press*, and Colonel M. S. Quay. The date for the dinner will be fixed upon Mr. Cooper's return from Chicago.—Phila *Record*

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E. H. Nichols, Annin township.
W. B. Chapman, Bradford city
J. L. Andrews, " "
E. F Clark, Bradford township.
J. J. Roberts Ceres township.
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Alf. W. Wright, Lewis Run.
Philip Tome, Corydon township.

No Fear of the Party Dying.

With the dude-like independents, styling themselves reformers, nothing, probably, can be done. They are wedded to the idols of dissent and imaginary self-importance. But republicans who care for their party and the advancement of its principles, even though at present sore and sorry, may and should be reached by appeals to old associations and their distrust of democracy. This end we hope will be accomplished. The situation is far from being altogether unpromising. Lincoln's first nomination disappointed the friends of Seward, but Lincoln was elected. There was republican revolt when Grant was renominated but he was chosen by an overwhelming majority. Hayes' nomination pleased nobody, but Hayes won in the electoral colleges. The republican party is not the only whig party. It is not dead nor dying.—Troy *Times*.(rep)

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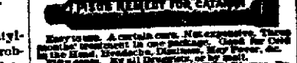

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

The Borough Taxes.

The Borough duplicate is in the hands of Treasurer Gallup, and those who would save the percentage would do well to call on him and pay up. Following are the taxes and amounts as shown by the duplicate.

State tax	$ 830 24
Bound tax	557 16
Water tax	583 32
Poll tax	28 00
Total	$2476 92

The Borough Council.

Our borough council met last Monday evening in monthly meeting. On Wednesday evening the street commissioner met with the Finance Committee and Chief Burgess Ayres and May was presented and ordered paid. The pay roll for April was $47 91 for May $128 80.

A resolution was passed authorizing the appointment of a committee of two to examine and report on repairing the damage done by the Smethport Gas Company in laying mains. Messrs. Farnum and Gallup were appointed such committee.

Suggested Church Meeting.

The subject of a union Sunday evening meeting was discussed. It was thought inopportune, as it conflicts with the school concerts.

In the absence of the choice of the pastor will preach in the school house next Smethport.

At eight o'clock in the evening Prof. Farnum Beebe, principal of the Smethport school in scholarly and unaffected phraseology and confidence which he attained some local celebrity as a lecturer, will deliver an address on the church upon the place of the Holy Ghost in and Universe. A cordial invitation extended to all.

To Supervisors.

We notice an item in exchange in order to be of all roads laid out in the township during the year. Many persons would be glad to perform said labor. The supervisors of the said district, to notify persons of the time when they will be required to work on the roads.

A petition has been circulated by citizens of the borough, asking that the Smethport Water Company be required to put in a sufficient number of hydrants for fire protection. The petition is signed by nearly all the property holders in the borough, which it is said will be increased to 100 before it is presented to the Council.

The Shooting Tournament.

Hon. J. C. Barbour, who has the contract for erecting a new residence for the borough, will discuss with all interested the matter of the Fourth of July shooting tournament. Mr. Barbour is a member of the Finance Committee, and will be glad to meet with all interested.

Both parties to the contest for this borough propose to fight the glorious Fourth fully prepared for an enjoyable celebration. One country to an old enough to see and enjoy the fun still their last celebration.

Oliphant Dun East closed on the 6th inst. The term has been very successful, and the teacher, Miss Barbour, is fast becoming popular in the district.

The editor of the Port Allegany Reporter does not mean what he says when he calls the Smethport Democrat a "Democratic Democrat." It would be the same as calling the Democrat a Democratic Democrat, and that would be ridiculous.

Mr. Wm. Hall, of Hamlin, Pa., who has been visiting his brother, Mr. Thomas Hall, of Smethport, returned home on Tuesday last.

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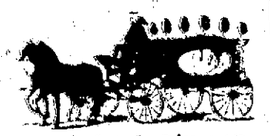

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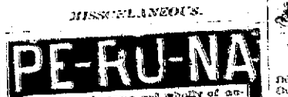

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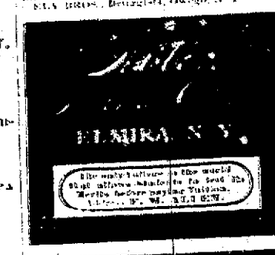

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[Dr. Frank Tavenner.]

Out of the fiscal and fermented five,
One of the hospital's wards as thief;
Specifics of grape-shot and gangrene,
Sufficient to settle and to unravel,
Sweeter, such as you and bees love,
Linda Gillis of Tennessee.

"Take him and welcome," the surgeons said;
"Little the doctor can help the dead!"
So we took him, and brought him where
The balm was sweet in the summer air,
And we laid him down on a wholesome bed—
Utter Lazarus, feet to head!

We watched him hour by hour, and there
Slowly upon his wasted features
Shadowy specters of coming years
Formed in dimness and passed in tears.
Then, as the days and the weeks crept on,
Like exhalations the spectres shone,
Till, out of danger, and out of pain,
Walking abroad in the world again,
We parted—he to his home in the West,
Where the trees in the spring-time build the nest.

Well, in the battle of life, we know
Somebody's always getting the blow;
Somebody's always under the wheels
Of the world's great juggernaut as it reels;
Somebody's always losing the way
When the world marches to victory;
Somebody's always got to be last
When the strong battle-lines sweep past;
Somebody's always got to be down
When the victor's weary of the crown;
Somebody's always got to be shot
When the battle's fought and the field is got;
Somebody's always got to be dead
That the column may move on instead.

Somebody's always got to be blind
That the rest may see and not mind;
Somebody's always got to be worsted
That the best may be glorified and exalted;
Somebody's always got to be glad
To be out of the reach of the strife, and have had
Time to think of the morrow and the day
When he, too, was a part of the fray;
Somebody's always got to be true
To the faith that is in him, whate'er ensue;
Somebody's always got to be leal
To the colors, though the cause reel;
Somebody's always got to be found
Standing his ground when the ground is gone.

Somebody's always got to be stanch
When the rest lose heart and courage blanch;
Somebody's always got to be cool
When the rest are fools;
Somebody's always got to be wise
When the rest are liars and spies;
Somebody's always got to be true
When the rest are false through and through;
Somebody's always got to be right
When the rest are wrong with might;
Somebody's always got to be just
When the rest are brimful of lust;
Somebody's always got to be pure
When the rest are steeped in the slough and mire;
Somebody's always got to be kind
When the rest are brutal and blind;
Somebody's always got to be meek
When the rest are overbearing and weak;
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SUNDAY NIGHT IN CHINATOWN.

Things to Hear Street Which Startle the Stranger as Enigmatic.

New York Sun.

One of the liveliest places in New York on a Sunday evening is the lower part of Mott street, from Chatham up to Park. It is lively with a life that is as enigma to the stranger.

From midnight till nearly midnight the sidewalks, the stoops and the steps leading to the basements swarm with Chinamen. It seems as though all the Chinamen in the city were gathered there. The buildings on each side of three or four blocks are occupied almost entirely by Chinese tenants, who are also of no inactive night owls, and keep their blinds and shades pretty closely drawn. The street is never bright with lights, but its general appearance is more brightness on Sunday evenings. There is then a kind of holiday air about it. There are two or three buildings in the upper stories of which is fandangoes of some kind appear to be going on. Strange noises issue from the windows—noises like the clashing of crushed cymbals, the piping of toy fifes and the rattle of imitation snare drums. For all that can be heard in the streets those rhythmless noises are made solemnly and for some grave purpose; no sound of the human voice reaches the ear. The rooms in which those things are going on are brightly lighted. All the shops are open and rows of Chinamen, standing around, line the walls. The stranger can look through the window of a basement and see a Chinaman shaving a queue of his country never farther shaving, unless, but takes his turn. The waiting woman, but takes his punishment as something which must be endured.

Almost without exception the Chinamen are Cantonese. Nineteenths of them wear the dress of their native country. Square-toed and felt hats seem to be considered the correct thing in some of the shoes the most elaborate are no different from the other Chinamen that they seem like reproductions of another race. They are sensitives of another race. They are the solid men of Chinatown. They would look as dandies on the boss chests and would look dressed in the less elaborate garb of commercial life. Their shoes are of fine texture, and it was ridiculously to see with great care. Long ago the Chinese abolished buttonholes.

The tailor's friend, as the moth is the farmer's friend. A curiously constructed "frog" and catch serve as buttonholes and button. Fashions do not change, clothes fabrics are lasting, and the rich Chinese merchant's outer garment endures for years upon years.

Chinatown and its fashions seem outside Chinatown and its fashions. An agreeable theatrical gas or of spicy odors pervades the atmosphere of their shores.

The Chinamen who make a holiday of Sunday night seem to be very much occupied. The swarms around the doors are engaged in interested talk. The men hurry out of basements and disappear in the entrances from stoops. Evidence of the Chinaman's imitation for labor-saving arrangement is almost at nearly every room, but into which leads not into any room, but into a narrow passage that runs parallel with the sidewalk. Within the door the view is cut off by a turn in the passage. Some of these places are gambling rooms or opium resorts, or both combined. There isn't another place in New York where half as many persons can be seen about on a Sunday evening, where it is more possible to find the side entrance to a bar room ajar not far away. The stranger naturally fails to comprehend what the attraction was be that thus draws so many Chinamen to Chinatown, and especially there till midnight.

There are always curiosity seekers sauntering up and down the sidewalks to look at the Chinamen, but the Chinese do not appear to see them. The Chinese do not appear to see them. The Chinese go through the street in small mobs, and the Chinamen bear the infection philosophically. Now and then a couple of young women with faces of waxlike pallor, hurry along the sidewalk. The stranger says to himself that they are opium fiends, going to hit the pipe at some joint. Soon one they are shop girls going home from a stroll on the Brooklyn bridge.

Belgian Literary Fair.

[Paris Figaro.]

The king of the Belgians has regularly offered every year for the last ten years a prize of $2,000 for the best work on some subject of general interest, the greatest latitude of choice being allowed the candidate, provided the work came within the sufficiently comprehensive category of "serious and intelligent." During the whole ten years the prize has only been awarded once.

Marguerite de Valois. Hypocrites hide their defects with so much care that their hearts are poisoned by them.

Military Service in Russia.

[Exchange.]

By the general military law of Russia, adopted some years ago, the term of service for ordinary recruits is six years with the colors and nine years in the reserve. The number of years to be passed in the ranks could, however, for recruits who had received a certain measure of education, be shortened to three; while students who had passed the leaving examination at a gymnasium could get off with six months' service, and students who had graduated at a university with three.

Knights of the Soil.

[Champ Tribune.]

A new order of knighthood in France, known as the "Order of Agricultural Merit," is to be specially reserved for agriculturists. It is intended to encourage farmers in self-sacrifice and stimulate them to fresh exertions in their callings. A five-pointed star of green enamel, surmounted by a wreath of olive leaves and supported by a green ribbon with a pink edge, is the badge which the chevaliers of the order confer on the knights of the soil.

At Whom She was Young.

"I have used Parker's Hair Balsam and like it better than any similar preparation I know of," writes Mrs. Miles Perry, wife of Rev. P. Perry, of Coldbrook Springs, Mass. "My hair was almost entirely lost, but a dollar bottle of the Balsam has restored the softness, and the brown color it had when I was young—not a single gray hair left. Since I began my letter my husband has been stopped on the street by two ladies who asked what we used on our hair to make it look so well. I told them, and they will use it." Only 50 cents.

ART EXTRAORDINARY.

Where Tattooed People in the Heavens Come From.

"Take around, Jim and let them see the specimens."

Two men, seated on chairs set facing each other in a room on North street. One of them was dressed in a navy uniform. His name was Elmer A. Gerdell. The other was Lester Griffen, one of many Harlem sailors who was dressed in a light and airy costume of a pair of trunks. There was nothing more upon him in the nothing more upon him in the way of clothing but he had more ornamentation on his body than any man in the city. He was tattooed from his toes down to his toe-nails, with all kinds of figures of men, beasts, birds, and all shapes of every kind there is, and represented there when he was in Burmah, eight years ago. All the rest of the work was done and has been put on within a few weeks by Mr. Gerdell. The figures were blue and red, and the various figures were drawn in a skillful and artistic style. As the tattooed man turned around, his back showed the certain effect of a picture of the Crucifixion, copied after the large steel engraving by Hilton.

"I have a good deal to do on this man yet," that picture will cover all of the back and extend around to the side. You see only the three figures on the crosses now, but I will work in all the other figures that are in the picture, and show the City of Jerusalem in the distance."

"How long does it take to tattoo a man, and what does it cost?"

"I did Frank Hadley in eight weeks, but the length of time depends on the size depends a good deal on the size cost depends a good deal on the size of the man. It is best work to cover a little more than one who tips the beam at 200 pounds. I have been at this business for the last five years, and have tattooed thousands of people. I charge all the way from 25 cents up to $500, according to the quantity and nature of the work."

"Is the operation a painful one?"

"Not at all. This pencil has nine fine needles in it. I stretch the skin tight and prick it this way. It makes only a slight prickling. I never draw blood. Just see how it feels."

He pressed the reporter's hand. The sensation was not painful. Then he resumed his work on the man before him, and remarked:

"I use the best of Chinese ink. It costs $2 an ounce. For red I use pure vermilion. I frequently cover up old designs with new work. There is no danger of taking cold or of any bad effects at any season of the year. Some men almost faint when I go to work on them, but that is all imagination. There is no pain. This man is being tattooed for exhibition in a dime museum. Hadley has those well over a hundred dollars, and gets $50 a week in Cincinnati, besides what he makes from the sale of his pictures.

"Children, too, are tattooed. They are brought by their parents to have initials and other marks put on them, so that they may be identified if lost. Ladies bring pet dogs to have marks put on the inside of their ears for the same purpose. The oddest work I ever did was the tattooing of the noses of two bull dogs. The noses were black with the exception of one or two spots, and as these would not show them from across a house they were brought to me to have the spots colored. I did the good job, and they have it like Christmas. It's a queer business, isn't it? But it pays well, and I have all I can do the year round. There is a good deal of art in getting the figures correctly drawn on the skin, but once it is done, the figure never changes. If I draw a picture on a child and he grows to be a large man, the picture grows with him and the lines remain as true as at first. There are a good many who make bad tattoo work because they are bad artists."

Lassoed by Bar.

[Paris Figaro.]

Dr. Legrand du Saulle, a distinguished authority on the subject of insanity, recently delivered an interesting lecture in the Salpetriere on the influence of the stock of Paris in the production of mental disease. For a few days after the declaration of war there was a notable diminution in the number of these cases; but as soon as it became known that the Prussians were marching on Paris the anxiety and alarm felt by the suburban population culminated in many instances in madness of a curious and rarely observed type—extreme melancholy, accompanied with stupor and dazed condition of the faculties. Three hundred and fifty thousand suburban residents had to take refuge in Paris, where they found no other shelter than that afforded by the railway carriages at the terminus, which soon became densely crowded.

Hunger and inanition swelled the state lists of insanity during the siege still the more that wine was to be had in abundance, and the men of the National Guard spent the greater part of the day and all night drinking. Even on the watch, in fact, they and many others lived during the last few days of the siege. The "mania of inventions" became very common at the same time. Gen. Trochu was constantly pestered with lunatics, who came to lay before him all manner of wild contrivances of their invention for the total and instantaneous annihilation of the Prussians.

Camphor for Cholera.

[Medical Journal.]

Dr. Dudgeon, the famous homeopathic physician of London, recalls the fact—apropos of Koch's investigations into the nature of the cholera germ—that Hahnemann in 1831 suggested that the contagious matter of cholera consisted of "excessively minute invisible living creatures," and accordingly advised the free use of camphor, which he held to be a potent cholera bacteride—to the efficacy of which treatment, added to the efficacy of which treatment, adds Dr. Dudgeon, the statistics of every epidemic in Europe testify.

Professor David Swing: An age of wit will always be an age of pathos, because laughter and tears are relations.

Safety Postage Stamps.

[New Orleans Times-Democrat.]

One of the great sources of loss to the government in the postoffice department is that occasioned by the repeated use made of the same postage stamps. The United States authorities have not yet succeeded in finding an eraser which will be effectual without interfering with the body of the letter or the security of the envelope. Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Felix Walker, has, as he thinks, with great show of reason, found the long desired secret, for which he has obtained a patent. His stamps are printed on fine linen paper, carefully prepared with oil and mucilage. A coating of oil is first spread upon the paper, and before that is dry a coating of mucilage spread over the oiled paper. The printing is done on the mucilage and shows admirably on the face of the paper. The result is that the stamps cannot be eradicated and therefore can not be used twice. The only way of loosening it from the envelope is by moistening, and then only the linen paper comes off, the printing—which is done on the mucilage—remaining on the envelope. Mr. Walker affirms that he has carried some of these stamps in his pocket for a whole year and they worked perfectly well when used.

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